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## Awake

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Tendrils wrap around her, with anxiousness  
as if she were In the Way  
of Them,  
coiling into a writhing Mess  
of snakes  
They pull at Her  
gently—in no One Direction  
Lulling her out of that soft security,  
bringing her to the  
Surface  
replacing Dulled senses  
with Raw Input  
She shudders, as from a passing Chill  
her eyes—smile  
she has Returned